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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Friday, 13 December 1953

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PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Messrs. Wisner, Amory, Kirkpatrick, [redacted]  
Sheldon, Houston, [redacted]

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Mr. Dulles:

a. Asked [redacted] to furnish him with any information we might have in our files on Communism in Puerto Rico.

b. Noted he was seeing Senator Potter this evening and asked what we might do for him in connection with his survey of atrocities committed by the North Koreans. Mr. Wisner suggested we get in touch with [redacted] and ask them to lend any appropriate assistance to the Senator upon his arrival. [redacted] undertook to furnish the Director any pertinent information on this matter we might have in our files; noting, however, that all such information in our possession had been furnished the Department of the Army and, therefore, he assumed this data had been passed to Senator Potter.

c. Referred to a report of an interview with [redacted] conducted by a representative of [redacted] and expressed the opinion that in cases of this nature our people should be provided with [redacted] in order that we might be in a position to deny any connection with CIA. Mr. Kirkpatrick pointed out that if it was decided to do this we should notify the FBI, since [redacted] had experienced a number of difficulties before the present procedure [redacted] was established. After some further discussion the Director asked Mr. Amory to look into this matter, coordinating his recommendations with Colonel Edwards and Mr. Houston. Insofar as the [redacted] is concerned, it was agreed that: (1) [redacted] would drop any further contact; (2) consideration would be given by DD/P to continuing the contact [redacted] was mentioned as a possibility); (3) the Department of State and the FBI would be notified of [redacted] approach to CIA and the action taken.

d. Asked [redacted] to have [redacted] and his people consider what use might be made of [redacted] in the psychological warfare field. The Director also asked Mr. Sheldon to determine where it was actually located, in whose possession, etc.

e. Stated that he wished to maintain in his office a file which would contain reports of CIA performances which have been particularly notable or beneficial, in order that these instances might be used at briefings, budget hearings, etc., and asked those present to furnish [redacted] with such reports.

Mr. Wisner:

a. Stated C. D. Jackson had suggested we begin now to develop plans for the Four-Power Conference in Berlin, if held, to include how the press should

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Mr. Wisner (Continued):

be handled. The Director approved, noting that if the Conference was not held this would still be a worthwhile exercise.

b. Stated [ ] might be expected to request information in our possession on [ ] and asked how this should be handled. [ ] noted he had sent a cable [ ] indicating that we should stay out of this one. The Director said we should amplify this a bit by advising [ ]

[ ]

The Director approved.

Mr. Amory:

Raised the question of including in our legislation a provision which would make CIA investigations acceptable for AE clearance, as is done in the case of investigations performed by the Department of Defense; noting that the delay in receiving "Q" clearances was causing considerable difficulty in his shop. After some discussion the Director stated he wished to hold up on this for the time being.

Mr. Houston:

Briefly discussed his conversation with Mr. Rogers of the Department of Justice, in connection with releasing the Davies testimony, and stated Rogers had suggested that he (Houston) call on Senator Jenner. The Director approved.

Mr. Sheldon:

Recommended that we offer to detail a qualified officer from OCI to assist [ ], who will replace [ ] during his illness. The Director approved.

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Noted [ ] was now threatening to publish an article on [ ] stated that [ ] had been briefed on this operation by General Smith. The Director indicated he would speak to [ ] on this matter. (NOTE: Subsequent to the Meeting the Director arranged to see Colonel Grogan.)

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